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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Taking into account the culturable waste in each district, tractors and bull-dozers will be made available according to its requirements."

SRI M. NARAYANA MENON :—" Was the bull-dozer sent to Malabar for agricultural purposes or for malampuzha purposes? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not think I can answer all these questions."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Are the Government aware that the low production is due to the tractors being in disrepair always and not working properly so that they could not be used for cultivation purposes? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—I do not know if the Hon. Minister is aware of it, but I am aware of it.''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not think the tractors are always in disrepair. There are two tractor workshops, one in Bapatla and the other in Coimbatore, and agricultural engineering staff is provided to attend to this work in the various districts."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Is any training given to these people before they are put to this work? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, certain people are trained at the Central Tractor Organization at Delhi."

Closure of the Engineering College in the Annamalai University.

* 115 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the parents of students and others regarding the closure and lock-out of the Engineering College in the Annamalai University :

(*b*) whether the Government have caused any enquiry to be made regarding the incidents and circumstances leading to the closure of the above college ; and

(*c*) whether the Government are in possession of the said facts, and if so, whether they will lay a statement relating to the same on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) There is no question of ' closure or lock-out ', as the University College is not a factory. The Government have received a representation regarding the postponement of the date of reopening of the College of Engineering and Technology after the Dasara holidays.

" (*b*) & (*c*) No enquiry has been made by the Government. The Government understand that the Vice-Chancellor has decided to reopen the College of Engineering and Technology on the 7th December and to readmit students against whom disciplinary action has been taken on certain conditions except six of them."

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Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" In view of the public agitation against what has happened with the Annamalai University, will the Government have an inquiry instituted on the events that led to the closing of the college and classes? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The public agitation has been on the indiscipline of the students which has to be stopped and not about the action of the Vice-Chancellor."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not the duty of the Government to cause an enquiry to be made why the college has been closed and find out what the doings were that led to its closure and what the facts really are? Is it not their duty to enquire into this expeditiously, for the students are losing their study for about three months? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The college has been reopened on the 7th December. I have already said so. Apart from that, the Government are more anxious to get full information about this matter. From the report of the district officers as also the report of the Director of Public Instruction, it is felt there is no necessity to cause an inquiry and the Government are satisfied that the Vice-Chancellor's action was right and the postponement of the opening of the college was quite necessary."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government aware of the public feeling that the authorities have been too harsh upon the students? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Not at all; on the other hand, I feel that the authorities have been too generous in the matter."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" I am not asking what the feelings of the Minister are. I am asking whether the Government are aware of the public feeling that the authorities have been too harsh upon the students."

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I was reflecting the public feeling when I said that the authorities have been too generous."

Report regarding the working of the Government Press.

* 110 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. R. K. Sarma): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Committee appointed by the Government to enquire into the working of the Government Press has finished its labours and submitted its report;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the recommendations are and what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken on the same; and

(*c*) whether a copy of the report will be placed on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) Yes.